The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ensures safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible utility services and equitable access to telecommunication and broadband services.





Wisconsin Internet and Phone Helpline (608) 267-3595 or (800) 225-7729

Open Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Interpreters are available for languages other than English.

Federal Lifeline Support (800) 234-9473

Open every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET

Lifeline Program

Lowering the monthly cost of phone and internet service

Receive up to \$18.50 off

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What is Lifeline?

The **Lifeline program** provides qualified low-income Wisconsin residents affordable access to essential telecommunications services by discounting the cost of phone, cellular, and internet services.

What is the Lifeline benefit?

The discount could range from \$5.25 to \$18.50 per month, depending on the type of service you have. Your service provider can tell you the exact amount.

Tribal members living on Tribal land are eligible for **an additional discount of \$25**, and have additional qualifying programs.

Lifeline-supported services must meet Lifeline's Minimum Service Standards: **Mobile Voice:** 1000 minutes, **Mobile Broadband:** Speed of 3G or better, usage allowance of 4.5 GB and **Fixed Broadband:** Speed of 25/3 Mbps, usage allowance of 1229 GB.

To learn more about Lifeline Minimum Service Standards, visit usac.org/lifeline/rules-and-requirements/minimum-service-standards/.

Lifeline facts

- One person per household may receive a Lifeline discount.
- If you live with someone who receives the Lifeline benefit, but is not a part of your household, you may still qualify. Complete the Household Worksheet at LifelineSupport.org.
- Enrollment in Lifeline does not protect subscribers from disconnection due to unpaid phone bills.
- If you have an outstanding debt with your phone or internet provider, but you are eligible, you must make payment arrangements before starting service.

2 WAYS TO QUALIFY:

Steps to get Lifeline





Apply online at lifelinesupport.org.





Mail in a paper application.





Choose an eligible phone or internet company and sign up for service.

Apply your discount to your new or existing service.

Who is eligible for Lifeline?

People with income **at or below 135%** of the **Federal Poverty Guidelines**, or People participating in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- FoodShare
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

How can I determine eligibility?

Check your eligibility online using the **Lifeline Support** at **lifelinesupport.org**.

The **Lifeline Support** can determine if you are enrolled in a qualifying program listed above. If you do not participate in a qualifying program, you must provide proof that you meet the income guidelines.